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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION
(RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Communication, mailed December 9, 2003, ("Communication") in which restriction of the claims in the above-identified patent application has been required under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372. Also filed concomitantly herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time (2 months) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the Extension of Time fee as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2). Accordingly, the Response is timely filed with a two month extension of time on the date even herewith.

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This Amendment and Response contains the following:

Amendment to the Claims, beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks, beginning on page 12 of this paper.

Conclusion, on page 14 of this paper.

It is respectfully requested that this Amendment and Response be entered and considered by the Examiner at the time of examination of the instant application.